

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 557

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to commemorate April 26, 2023, as "National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, April 26, 2023, has been declared National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, drug endangered children are at risk of abuse and neglect due to their parents' or caregivers' illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution; and

WHEREAS, children whose caretakers' substance misuse interferes with their ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment are also at risk; and

WHEREAS, through multi-disciplinary collaboration and community support, we can increase the likelihood of intervention occurring in the lives of these children; and

WHEREAS, with intervention, drug endangered children can move from risk to resiliency; and

WHEREAS, resiliency can break generational cycles of drug and child abuse and can change the trajectory of children's lives; and

WHEREAS, all citizens in Tennessee can play a role in reducing risk and building resiliency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate April 26, 2023, as "National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.